

### REMARKS

The courtesy of Examiner Castellano in granting a telephone interview to the undersigned attorney on June 8, 2010 and his suggestions made during the interview are sincerely appreciated. The interview is summarized in an Interview Summary by the Examiner dated June 10, 2010.

Independent Claims 1 and 7 are amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs, and the rejections under 35 USC 102.

The first paragraph of currently amended Claims 1 and 7 contains the essential limitations of the proposed amendment that was discussed during the interview.

The last paragraph of currently amended Claims 1 and 7 incorporates the helpful suggestions made by the Examiner in the last sentence of the paragraph in the Interview Summary that begins with "Discussion of ...".

Support for the current amendment of Claims 1 and 7 is provided by the Drawing and the sentence overlapping pages 13 and 14 of the Specification. The feature of "significantly thicker" newly recited in these two claims is shown in FIG. 6A.

The Summary of the Invention portion of the Specification and the Abstract of the Disclosure are amended to be consistent with amended independent Claims 1 and 7.

The Detailed Description portion of the Specification is amended in paragraphs beginning on pages 4 through 9 to be consistent with the scope of amended independent Claims 1 and 7.

Dependent Claims 9-12, 14 and 15 are amended to be consistent with amended independent Claims 1 and 7.

#### ***Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112***

The rejections of Claims 1, 5-7, 9-12, 14-15, 25 and 26 under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs, is met by the amendment to the first paragraph (lines 3-6) of Claim 1 and to the first and second paragraphs (lines 3-10) of Claim 7, wherein it is newly recited that the "plastic component ... includes a wall of non-uniform thickness that defines some ribs and a web located between two of the ribs in a portion of the wall

where the wall is less thick than in the ribs”, Support for these amendments to Claims 1 and 7 is provided by the Drawing.

***Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102***

The rejection of Claims 1, 5-7, 9-12, 14-15, 25 and 26 under 35 USC 102 (e) as being anticipated by Schafer is overcome by the amendment of the last paragraph of Claim 1 and the last paragraph of Claim 7, wherein it is newly recited that “at a cross section of the ... plastic component, over the height of the ribs the predominant thickness across each of the two ribs is significantly are thicker than the thickness of the web”.

Schafer neither discloses nor suggests this newly recited feature.

The rejection of Claims 1, 5-7, 9, 12, 15, 25 and 26 under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Burling is overcome by the amendment of the last paragraph of Claim 1 and the last paragraph of Claim 7, wherein it is newly recited that “at a cross section of the ... plastic component, over the height of the ribs the predominant thickness across each of the two ribs is significantly are thicker than the thickness of the web”.

Burling neither discloses nor suggests this newly recited feature.

The rejection of Claims 1, 5, 7 and 9 under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Edwards is overcome by the amendment of the first and last paragraphs of Claim 1 and the first, second and last paragraphs of Claim 7, wherein it is newly recited that the “plastic component ... includes a wall of non-uniform thickness that defines some ribs and a web located between two of the ribs in a portion of the wall where the wall is less thick than in the ribs”; and that “at a cross section of the ... plastic component, over the height of the ribs the predominant thickness across each of the two ribs is significantly are thicker than the thickness of the web”.

Edwards neither discloses nor suggests either of these newly recited features.

***Conclusion***

Examination and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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